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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Communication mailed February 26, 2003, and prior to examination of the above-captioned application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 8 illustrates the results of epitope mapping studies on P501S. The peptides used in the study are shown from left to right at the bottom of the figure, as follows: MDRLVQRPGRTRAVYLA SVA (SEQ ID NO: 489), YLASVAAFPVAAGATCLSHS (SEQ ID NO: 490), TCLSHSVAVVTASAALTGFT (SEQ ID NO: 491), ALTGFTFSALQILPYTLASL (SEQ ID NO: 492), YTLASLYHREKQVFLPKYRG (SEQ ID NO: 493), LPKYRGDTGGASSED SLMIS (SEQ ID NO: 494), DSLMTSFLPGPKPGAPFPNG (SEQ ID NO:

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